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Foreign Office, Oct. 8, 1906.

"Your Excellency—I have received with satisfaction your note of the 6th in which your excellency states that you have been authorized by your government to ratify a *modus vivendi* in regard to the Newfoundland fishery question on the basis of the memorandum, which I had the honor to communicate to you on the 25th ultimo, and I am glad to assure your excellency that the note in question will be considered by his majesty's government as a sufficient ratification of that arrangement on the part of the U. S. government.

"His majesty's government fully shares the desire of your government that the provisions of the *modus vivendi* should be made effective at the earliest moment possible, and that necessary instructions for its observance were accordingly sent to the government of Newfoundland immediately on receipt of your excellency's communication.

"(In the absence of the secretary of state), M. Gorst."

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. A. T. Gifford, Georges, 16,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Bragnanza, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. James A. Garfield, shore.
Sch. Louisa Polleys, shore.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.
Sch. Maud B. Murray, shore.
Sch. Nokomis, shore.
Sch. Mina Swim, via Boston.
Sch. Emerald, shore.
Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Valentina, shore.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, shore.
Sch. Julietta, shore.
Sch. Sylph, shore.
Sch. M. Madeliene, shore.
Sch. Vera, via Boston.
Sch. Lillian, returned.
Sch. Georgianna, shore.
Sch. Shepherd King, shore.
Sch. Mina Swim, shore.
Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, via Boston.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
Sch. Mattakesett, seining.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.02 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.30; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.50.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

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Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25 medium do., \$3.25.

Bank halibut, 15 cts. per lb. for white and 12 cts. per lb. for gray.

Flitched halibut 7 1-2 cts. lb.

Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$28.00 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$16.00 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 8 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Round pollock, 95 cts. per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$2.80 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl.

Rimmed medium mackerel, \$30 per bbl.

Rimmed small mackerel, \$16.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Viking, 3000 haddock, 400 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Fame, 24,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 22,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Muriel, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Appomattox, 22,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. James S. Steele, 2500 haddock, 700 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Gracie, 400 haddock.

Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 21,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Moanum, 5000 cod, 50,000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2 to \$3.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Eight vessels with cargoes of cured fish for this port were at Portland on Saturday.

Sch. Lizzie M. Sturley was at Swan's Isl and, Me., on Saturday.

Schs. Priscilla and Dora A. Lawson were at North Sydney, C. B., last Tuesday, the former with 65 barrels of salt mackerel on board.

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NO MORE NIGHT FISHING.

St. Johns, Oct. 23.—In consideration of the fact that the Americans have agreed not to use purse seines to catch herring, the colonial fishermen agree not to fish at night time. Night fishing has been a source of trouble through the men cutting each other's nets. The possibility of friction is thus reduced to a minimum.

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Mackerel Sale.

The fare of bay mackerel of sch. Diana sold to Parmenter & Co. at \$35 per barrel for large and \$22 per barrel for mediums. This is the highest price of the season for large fish.

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MET HALF WAY.

American and Newfoundland Fishermen Agree.

Purse Seining and Night Fishing Will Be Discontinued.

A despatch from St. John's N. F., yesterday, says: "In consideration of the fact that the Americans have agreed not to use purse seines to catch herring, the colonial fishermen agree not to fish at night.

"Night fishing has been a source of trouble through the men cutting one another's nets. This compromise reduces the possibility of friction to a minimum.

"The fishermen on the west coast started a petition to the governor Saturday to publish the text of the *modus vivendi*. The text, however, is given fully in press dispatches, which were received here today, and the petition consequently will be discontinued."

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HOT SHOT FOR BOND.

Many Newfoundland Papers Blame Him for Present Trouble.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star is not the only paper that gets after Sir Robert Bond at the present time. Some of the St. John's papers openly blame him for all the trouble and the Free Press, in the course of a long editorial says:

"Previous to his meddling and muddling our fishermen caught all the herring and received good gold for it from the Americans. Prevented, the Americans, naturally sought a substitute and that substitute they have unhappily found in the purse-seine. Thanks to the premier whose innocence on the subject of green fish has long been notorious, this engine of destruction—the purse-seine—is now in our midst and to get rid of it will we fear, be most difficult if not impossible.

"Sir Robert's reply has been that the government will strictly enforce the foreign fishing vessel's act, which would appear to mean two things—a war with the home government, and the imprisonment of hundreds of Newfoundlanders interested in the herring fishery. Having muddled so marvellously and fared so badly, Sir Robert had better consider carefully before he endangers the prosperity and well being of the colony. It would be well if he would sit down and very carefully consider the matter before indulging in any more of his vain pyrotechnics."

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The Halifax Herald and several other Nova Scotia newspapers are interesting themselves in trying to secure government pensions for aged and worn out toilers of the sea. Beside the papers, several of the leading men of the peninsula have taken the matter up and it will probably be heard from at the next session of the house of parliament at Ottawa.

The Herald points out that the department of finance collects in taxes, etc., a large surplus every year and that the fishermen pay more than their fair share of it. The paper calls on certain candidates to announce their stand on the matter, and in a stirring article presents the case to the public. Among other things it says:

"There is not a storm that sweeps across the Atlantic that does not claim victims from the fisher folk.

"There is scarcely a fishers' home along the coast from Yarmouth to Canso that cannot tell its fateful and calamitous story.

"The fisheries being a storehouse of food for the people are a national industry, and when prosecuted at great personal hazard the country ought to pay a fair sum to reduce the distress inevitably resulting to a minimum.

"There is a very large proportion who live on their earnings from season to season. They have none, or at least slender resources ahead. The rainy day with them has already arrived.

"Whether a season is good or poor, they have to live; and when the bad season comes, they are dependent upon the dealer or outfitter for supplies to carry them through to the next season. Often thus subject to debt, a provident protection against the future is not possible.

"The hazard of the employment ought to invoke the special attention and aid of the nation.

"A small income to save them from want or from being a public charge would have two results. It would give them an old age of comfort and independence.

"Young men discontented with the risks, dangers and uncertainties of a fisherman's life, would regard the certainty and stability of an old age provision with satisfaction.

While the subject of pensions for aged and worn out fishermen is not a new one, yet the vigorous way in which the Halifax Herald is pushing the plan in Nova Scotia and its vigorous and touching presentation of the matter makes it again a prominent subject for consideration.

The paragraphs above quoted from its article are worthy of careful and serious thought, for they put the matter in the most convincing way—in the light of real human interest. As stated before, the subject of pensioning fishermen who have grown old and worn out in the service of sea has been previously considered in this country, but as yet not too seriously perhaps—indeed not as seriously as the importance of the matter would demand.

Should the matter be taken up at the next session of the Canadian parliament and become one of the leading matters for consideration, or better than that, should such a pension bill be passed, it would surely have its effect in this country, and soon we should see the matter becoming one of national inquiry and perhaps action in the halls of our congress.

Well does the Herald say, "The fisheries being a storehouse of food for the people, are a national industry, and when prosecuted at great personal hazard the country ought to pay a fair sum to reduce the distress inevitably resulting to a minimum."

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Sch. Moanam, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Susan and Mary, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. S. H. Pinkham, shore.
Sch. Freedom, shore.
Sch. Sarah, shore.
Sch. Hobo, shore.

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Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

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Salt hake, \$1.50.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

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Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

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Fresh medium mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

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Bay salt mackerel, \$35 per bbl. for large and \$22 per bbl. for mediums.

Boston.

Sloop Morning Star, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Yankee, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 1500 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.50; market cod, \$5; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$3 to \$3.50.

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To Study Fishing Industry.

Mr. Koganemarn, a special agent of the fisheries department of the Japanese government, is in this city to make a study of the fishing industry. He proposes to secure employment at some of the fish packing establishments and also to make some fishing trips to the fishing banks.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, stocked \$4000 as the result of her North Bay mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$90.18.

Great Britain Will Not Permit Injustice.

In speaking editorially of Newfoundland and the *modus vivendi* the North Sydney, C. B., Herald says:

"Colonies sometimes overlook the position of the Mother Country. The United States under the Munroe doctrine will fight before she permits any European power to usurp one foot of the territory of any one of the South American republics. But at the same time the United States, under the same Munroe doctrine, will see that those South American countries will do the right thing, in a business way, with European countries.

"How much stronger is Great Britain's position in regard to her colonial possessions than the United States' position in regard to South American countries! Great Britain will not brook interference with her colonies, but at the same time she will not permit injustice to be practiced towards foreign countries."

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Sch. Margie Smith, Ipswich River, 500 bbls. salt herring.

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Boston.

Sch. James W. Parker, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Juno, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Lear C., 5000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Cleaves, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1400 pollock.

Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 3500 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Seaconnet, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Lucania, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 40,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.